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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS DAY.

Garden Seeds—Ashwell.
Notice—T. Cunningham.
Circulating Library—G. C. Clarkson & Co.
New Boot and Shoe Store—J. Whitfield.
Public Meeting—H. Holbrook.

The British Columbian.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1868.

MORE CAPITAL SLANDERS.

In the Victoria *Columbian* of Thursday was published a copy of correspondence between Mr. Donald Fraser and the Colonial Office, and between Mr. Fraser and Capt. Richards, R.N., respecting the suitability of this place as the Capital of the Colony. We may say, in the outset, that we were quite prepared for the bold misstatements contained in Mr. Fraser's letters. Ever ready to employ falsehood where truth comes in collision with his private interests, the circumstance of Mr. Fraser having stooped to misrepresentation of the grossest description, in order, if possible, to prop up his broad acres at Victoria, can surprise no one who knows the man. But we must confess that we were not prepared to find Capt. Richards making statements in regard to this place diametrically opposed to opinions and sentiments previously placed on record by that gentleman, both in his official capacity, and as a private gentleman. In a letter to Mr. Fraser, dated 15th July, 1867, Capt. Richards is made to say: "I have read your paper (the second memorial). I have always been of opinion that Victoria was far better suited as the seat of Government than New Westminster."

If the capital had been on the Fraser it should have been at Hope, or even as low down as Langley would have been better than New Westminster.

The latter was a crocheted of Col. Moody's, on some, to the, unintelligible grounds of military defence.

Esquimalt, two miles from Victoria, must always be the headquarters of the navy. It is the key of the whole Territory. If it becomes occupied by an enemy your entrance to British Columbia is lost.

I never could understand building the wooden hovels, dignified by the name of capital, fifteen miles within the entrance of an intricate river where only the smallest war ships can enter.

I can understand if British Columbia ever becomes peopled, that it might be desirable to have the capital in the interior connectable by railway from Canada, but many years must elapse. In the mean time by taking away the prestige from Victoria you will benefit no one but the few possessors of land in the immediate neighborhood of the hovels, and will keep the country back for a generation.

While Victoria was the capital and a free port the country could not retrograde. If only as a bonded warehouse for California, it would have kept its head up and would have kept up New Westminster's head also, till in the course of events they were finally established, and dependent on no extraneous aid.

As it is they will both sink, which, in my opinion, is to be deplored. Unless we were going to give up Canada, I should look upon the loss of Vancouver Island as a dire calamity for us.

Greater men than Capt. Richards have fallen under severe conflict between self-interest and truth. It is not many weeks since the signal fall of a late Governor of a certain powerful monopoly was portrayed in these columns, and the remarkable discrepancy between the statements contained in his "interesting little book" and those made in evidence before a Committee of the House of Commons was pointed out. But in his case self-interest of the most powerful nature

was palpably the agent which bent him from the straight line of truth and honor. In the present case we are totally in the dark as to the nature of the corrupting agency. In truth the question which arose in our mind upon first reading the letter, still forces itself upon us, viz., Did Capt. Richards really pen that letter? or is it a vile forgery? Without pretending to answer that question either to our own satisfaction or that of our readers, we venture to reproduce the opinions given by Capt. Richards both in his official capacity, as the officer in charge of the Admiralty Survey, and in his more private capacity, in reply to Civil Addresses. Most of these extracts have been already published more than once; but it may, perhaps, be as well that they should now be placed alongside of the above most extraordinary letter, in order that the public may be in a better position to draw their own inferences. The earliest record we find upon the subject is under date, Oct. 30 1860, and on which occasion, in replying to a Civil Address, Capt. Richards said:—

"I may be permitted at the same time to observe that however highly you may estimate our services it is yet to natural causes alone that the Fraser owes its immunity from dangers and difficulties almost always incident to the navigation of Bar Harbours. Effectually sheltered and protected as it is, in common with nearly 200 miles of the coast of British Columbia by the natural breakwater which the sister colony affords, your noble river is accessible at most times to vessels of from 18 to 20 feet draught, and 1000 tons, subject only to occasional inconsiderable delay at certain stages of tide. It is free from risk of life and property in a higher degree than any river I am acquainted with on the Western side of this continent, and when a light vessel is established at the Sand Heads marked by permanent buoys the seaman may guide his vessel through at all times with ease and safety."

On Saturday, 23d March, 1861, Her Majesty's ship *Hecate*, 1099 tons registered, and drawing a little over 15 feet of water, steamed into our harbour, under command of Capt. Richards. Although she entered about half-tide, 10 feet was the shallowest water indicated by the soundings, and that was only in one narrow spot on the Sands. On the Tuesday following, in reply to an address from the City Council, Capt. Richards took occasion to remark:—

"It is true that in bringing the *Hecate* here I have partly had in view to prove practically to sea-faring men of this country, as well as at home, that the impediments to navigation which exist here of a trifling nature, and can never prove a bar to the commercial prosperity of the Colony; but this, also, is an act which comes strictly within the line of my duty. The entrance of the river has now been reopened, which will render the approach to your port safe and easy at all times."

We next come to an "interesting little book," compiled by Capt. Richards, from surveys made by him, between the years 1858 and 1864, and entitled "The Vancouver Island Pilot." This work was published by order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. It contains the following description of Fraser River, commencing on page 103:—

"Fraser River, in point of magnitude and present commercial importance, is second only to the Columbia on the north-west coast of America. In its entire freedom from risk of life and shipwreck, it possesses infinite advantages over any other river on the coast, and the cause of this immunity from the dangers and inconveniences to which all great rivers emptying themselves on an exposed coast are subject is sufficiently obvious. A sheltered strait, scarcely 15 miles across, receives its waters; and the neighbouring island of Vancouver serves as a natural breakwater, preventing the possibility of any sea arising which would prove dangerous to vessels even of the smallest class, unless they ground. To the same cause may be attributed in a great measure the fixed and unvarying character of the shoals through which this magnificent stream pursues its undeviating course into the strait of Georgia; and there can be little doubt that it is destined, at no distant period, to fulfil to the utmost, as it is already partially fulfilling, the purposes for which nature ordained it—the outlet for the products of a great country, whose riches in mineral and agricultural wealth are daily being more fully discovered and developed."

Commencing on page 107, we find Capt. Richards giving the following description of this city:—

New Westminster, the capital of British Columbia, stands on the north or right bank of the Fraser river, just above the junction of the North Fork, and 15 miles in a general north-easterly direction from the entrance proper. It occupies a commanding and well chosen position, being within an easy distance of entrance, and having great facilities for wharfage along its water frontage, a good depth of water, and excellent anchorage. A considerable clearing of the timber has taken place in the vicinity of the town, which already assumes a prominent and thriving aspect, and, when the facilities for entering the river and its capabilities are better known, will no doubt rise more rapidly into importance. The military establishment or camp of the Royal Engineers, a mile above New Westminster, is a most picturesque spot, commanding an uninterrupted view of the Queen's reach, a broad, deep, and magnificent sheet of water."

We leave these extracts for the present in the hands of the public, without further comment. In fact they speak for themselves.

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T. CUNNINGHAM.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

G. C. CLARKSON & Co. beg to inform the reading public that they have started, in connection with their business, a Circulating Library, to which they add new books by every steamer.

NEW BOOT AND SHOE

STORE.

J. WHITFIELD, the old Cariboo Pioneer, wishes to inform the public of New Westminster and vicinity, that he has purchased the Stock in Trade of the late W. Woodman, of Columbia street, New Westminster, where he will carry on the Boot and Shoe business in all its branches.

He also wishes to inform his friends in Cariboo that all orders from them will be punctually attended to and forwarded through Barnard's Express.

Particular attention will be paid to Job work.

Gum Boots, if repaired by him, will be guaranteed waterproof.

Fols 2nd

PUBLIC MEETING.

New Westminster, B. C., Feb. 14, 1868.

To the President of the Municipal Council.

Sir—We, the undersigned, Ratepayers of the City of New Westminster, request that you will call a Public Meeting for the purpose of considering the expediency of meeting certain statements made in a letter dated 25th July, 1867, and purporting to have been written by Capt. G. H. Richards.

John F. Scott, L. A. Bonson,
G. C. Clarkson, R. Turnbull,
J. C. Armstrong, W. Johnston,
E. Brown, T. Price,
Wm. Irving, D. Withrow,
Christopher Lee, Thos. McNeely.

In reply to the above, I hereby appoint the Meeting to take place at the Hyack Hall, on Monday evening, the 17th inst., at 7 30.

H. HOLBROOK, President.

New Westminster, Feb. 14, 1868.

New Advertisements.

THE HOWE SOUND COPPER MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE adjourned General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held in the Colonial Hotel, on Monday next, the 17th inst, at half-past three o'clock, p.m.

ALSO.

At four o'clock, p.m., in the same place, will be held the annual general meeting of the above Company.

By order of the Directors,

HENRY V. EDMONDS, Secretary.

17th Feb.

Almanacs.

London Illust'd 75c. ea.

Bow Bells 37 1/2 "

Zadkells 25 "

Atlantic 75 "

Canada Year Book 37 1/2 "

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New Advertisements.

AYER'S

MEDICINES.



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Ayer's Sarsaparilla

is compounded from the most effectual antiods that medical science has discovered for this obnoxious disorder, and for the cure of the disorder it entails. That it is far superior to any other remedy yet devised, is known by all who have given it a trial. That it does combine virtues truly extraordinary in their effect upon this class of complaints, is indisputably proven by the great multitude of publickly known and remarkable cures it has made of the following diseases: King's Evil, or Glandular Swellings, Tumors, Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches and Sores, Erysipelas, Rose or St. Anthony's Fire, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Coughs from tuberculous deposits in the lungs, White Swellings, Debility, Dropsy, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia or Indigestion, Syphilis and Syphilitic Infections, Mercurial Diseases, Female Weaknesses, and, indeed, the whole series of complaints that arise from impurity of the blood. Minute reports of individual cases may be found in AYER'S AMERICAN ALMANAC, which is furnished to the druggists for gratuitous distribution, wherein may be learned the directions for its use, and copies of the remarkable cures which it has made when all other remedies had failed to afford relief. These cases are purposely taken from all sections of the country, in order that every reader may have access to some one who can speak in his own behalf from personal experience. Scrofula expresses the vital energies, and then leaves its victims far more subject to disease and its fatal results than at healthy constitutions. Hence it tends to shorten, and does greatly shorten, the average duration of human life. The vast importance of these considerations has led us to spend years in perfecting a remedy which is adequate to its cure. This we now offer to the public under the name of AYER'S SARSAPARILLA, although it is composed of ingredients, some of which exceed the best of Sarsaparilla in alternative power. By its aid you may protect yourself from the suffering and danger of these disorders. Purge out the foul corruptions that rot and fester in the blood, purge out the causes of disease, and vigorous health will follow. By its peculiar virtues this remedy stimulates the vital functions, and thus expels the disorders which lurk within the system or burst out on any part of it.

We know the public have been deceived by many compounds of Sarsaparilla, that promised much and did nothing; but they will neither be deceived nor disappointed in this. Its virtues have been proven by abundant trial, and there remains no question of its surpassing excellence for the cure of the afflicting diseases it is intended to reach. Although under the same name, it is a very different medicine from any other which has been before the people, and is far more effectual than any other which has ever been available to them.

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APPLY AT THE MILLS.

New Westminster, December 25, 1867.

New Advertisements.

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The Edinburgh Review,

(Whig)

The Westminster Review,

(Radical)

The North British Review,

(Free Church)

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17th Feb.

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CLINTON, B. C., 22d Aug. 1867.

